

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on January 14, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 138, (1/7/99)

HB 139, (1/7/99)

HB 87 (1/12/99)

HB 206 (1/11/99)

Executive Action:

HB 82 - Do Pass as Amended

HB 138 - Do Pass

HB 139 - Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 138

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Hal Harper, House District 52, opened the hearing. The bill would eliminate the license fee for wholesale gas distributors.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Turner, Montana Department of Transportation.

EXHIBIT (tah10a01)

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Bob Gilbert, Montana Petroleum Distributors.

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Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor

Rep. Harper closed the hearing.

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HEARING ON HB 139

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Hal Harper, House Districe 52, opened the hearing. The bill would eliminate the annual license fee of \$200 for wholesale gasoline and special fuel distributors, and eliminate the requirement for fuel dealers to go through a licensing process in order for their customers to obtain a refund for fuel used off-road.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Turner, Montana Department of Transportation.

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Bob Gilbert, Montana Petroleum Distributors.

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Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

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Closing by Sponsor

Rep. Harper closed.

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HEARING ON HB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Diana Wyatt, House District 46, Great Falls, opened the hearing. HB 87 would provide an income tax credit to individual child support obligees for child support collection administrative fees paid to the Department of Public Health and Human Services. **EXHIBIT**(tah10a02)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Representative of Montana Peoples' Action.

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Kaye Chalevis, Montana Women's Lobby.

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Rep. Bob Raney, House District 26.

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

Mary Ann Wellbank, Department of Health and Human Services.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor

Rep. Wyatt closed the hearing.

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HEARING ON HB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Stanley Fisher, House District 75, opened the hearing. The bill would allow persons 65 years of age or older who occupy a homestead to claim a limitation from increased residential property taxes on the homestead. Rep. Fisher presented a fiscal not with which he did not agree **EXHIBIT**(tah10a03), and other information. **EXHIBIT**(tah10a04)

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Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

Cort Harrington, Montana County Treasurers' Association.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Fisher closed the hearing.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 82

Motion:

REP. GILLAN moved that HB 82 DO PASS.

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Motion/Vote:

REP. STORY moved a technical amendment. **EXHIBIT**(tah10a05)

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously 17 - 0.

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Discussion:

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Motion/Vote:

REP. HANSON moved that HB 82, AS AMENDED DO PASS. The motion passed, 18 - 2. Davies and Orr voted no.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 138

Motion/Vote:

REP. HANSON moved that HB 138 DO PASS. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously, 20 - 0.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 139

Motion/Vote:

REP. HARRINGTON moved that HB 193 DO PASS. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously, 20 - 0.

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Mary Costas, DOR, distributed information containing answers to questions previously asked by Taxation Committee Members.

EXHIBIT(tah10a06)

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah10aad)